

William & Mary Law School Veterans Benefits Clinic, which serves as a national model for this idea and was the first recipient of a “best practice” certification from the VA. There are many other law schools, such as the University of the District of Columbia’s David A. Clarke School of Law, that are interested in starting their own VA-certified clinics. More needs to be done to sustain and increase the number of these programs.

I was a tenured professor of law and continued to teach a seminar after being elected to Congress. I saw the expert assistance that clinical programs provide their clients.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, a concrete measure that would assist our veterans, who put their lives on the line for this country.

EDINBURGH BICENTENNIAL

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the city of Edinburgh on the occasion of its grand Bicentennial.

Edinburgh was the first settlement in Johnson County and was established March 3 1822. Edinburgh’s history runs rich and deep, even boasting Johnson County’s oldest and first store. Standing alongside this historical store is the Edinburgh Post Office which has been in operation since 1823.

Edinburgh represents the true spirit of America with businesses, communities, and our very own Camp Atterbury. Business thrives here where there were once railroads and mills, and where the hardwood veneer industry still stands. Another famous business finds its home here, founded in 1989, Not Just Popcorn, which has been recognized not only nationally, but globally.

I would like to honor this great city. From its storied history to its present day standing here in Indiana, may Edinburgh be celebrated on this Bicentennial year.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF ISRAEL’S CONSUL GENERAL TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST SHLOMI KOFMAN

HON. RO KHANNA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Mr. KHANNA. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Israel’s Consul General to the Pacific Northwest Shlomi Kofman on the conclusion of his term of service, and his return on August 1, 2022, to Israel for his next assignment.

Consul General Kofman is the diplomatic representative of the State of Israel to the states of California (Northern region), Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho and Montana.

During his tenure, he actively promoted friendly relationships with government representatives from this region, including Members of Congress, and he has never hesitated to reach out to me to address questions for my constituents or serve as a resource on

issues related to Israel and the Israeli community in my district.

Shlomi Kofman began his appointment as Israel’s Consul General to the Pacific Northwest in August 2017.

He most recently served as a Policy Advisor to the Deputy Foreign Ministers based in Jerusalem, Israel.

Over the course of his 24-year diplomatic career, Kofman has served as Israel’s Deputy Consul General in New York City, Chief of Staff to Ambassadors in Washington D.C., Deputy Ambassador in Thailand and Deputy Consul General in Shanghai.

His past domestic Foreign Ministry positions include Director of North American Economic Affairs, Policy Advisor to the Deputy Foreign Minister, Diplomatic Advisor & Director of the International Department in the Parliament and Ministry of National Infrastructure, and the Head of the Northeast Asia sector.

Prior to joining the Foreign Ministry, Kofman worked in the High-Tech Industry, representing the Israeli company Orbot in South Korea, as well as a consultant to a leading Israeli company, ECI.

Kofman holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations & East Asian studies from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and a master’s degree from Webster University—Shanghai University of Finance & Economics. He also holds an Associate’s engineering degree.

Shlomi was born in Tbilisi, the capitol of the Soviet Republic of Georgia and made Aliya (immigrated) to Israel at the age of nine, after being refused for three years by Russian authorities.

During his tenure as Consul General serving in the Pacific Northwest, Shlomi Kofman has broadened the relationship between Israel and the states under his jurisdiction.

His advocacy and leadership led to a first-of-its-kind economic analysis that quantified the deeply interconnected California-Israel relationship, which amounts to billions of dollars in business activity and trade, and hundreds of thousands of Israelis living and working in California.

In a time where we witness increases in antisemitism, Holocaust denial, and violence against Jews, he has prioritized Holocaust education and policies to combat antisemitism and anti-Israel sentiment.

He has been a strong advocate for expanding cooperation between governments and businesses in the areas of agriculture, energy, innovation, water management, and emergency services mutual aid.

In 2020, during the height of the wildfire catastrophe in California, Israel, for the first time ever, sent a delegation of firefighters to assist in fighting the fires. This was not only a gesture of solidarity and friendship but also a reaffirmation of values that both the United States and Israel share—which is to stand together with allies in times of need.

In that spirit, he convened high-level summits with policymakers to promote the sharing of COVID-19 strategies.

He has strengthened Israel’s connections with businesses, local communities, universities, and other academic institutions here in the United States.

Shlomi Kofman worked to increase the number of delegations of Americans visiting Israel to further study firsthand that country as well as organize diverse international delegations to visit the United States.

These important exchanges focused on expanding understand of diverse communities throughout the world, including people of color, women in leadership, the LGBTQ+ community, labor leaders, and citizen activists from Arab countries.

In addition, I personally have benefitted from my meetings with Consul General Kofman, where we shared honest conversations about the issues of the day. We discussed the common ties of entrepreneurship between Silicon Valley and Israel, and how such cooperation can benefit other regions of the world. I hope to continue that dialogue with his successor.

As Shlomi Kofman concludes his tenure in San Francisco, I am grateful that he built a legacy of friendship, cooperation, and a strong willingness to work with people from all backgrounds and perspectives.

The United States has greatly benefitted from the services of Consul General Shlomi Kofman.

HONORING HARRIS GELBERG, M.D. FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, Harris Gelberg, M.D. has been a Santa Barbara resident since 1978. He has served the community as a cardiologist for over 44 years, caring for thousands of Santa Barbara residents.

He has demonstrated extraordinary dedication to his patients, many of whom he cared for over several decades, answering their calls at night, on the weekends, and over the holidays. He took the extra time to not only treat his patients’ heart conditions, but he coordinated their overall health care to help them remain healthy, active, and vibrant. He served as Chief of the Medical Staff of Cottage Hospital and mentored numerous physicians. Despite his busy medical practice, he is devoted to Bernice, his spouse since 1971, their children, Grant and Laura, and their grandchildren, Sam, Jonah, Theo, and Eli. After years of service to the community, he has retired from the practice of medicine.

This U.S. Congress honors Harris Gelberg, M.D. for his years of dedicated service to the people of Santa Barbara and commends him for his tireless efforts to improve the health and well-being of so many residents of our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF AN INSTALLATION AT THE NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY HONORING EDITH “EDIE” WINDSOR

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Edith “Edie” Windsor for her invaluable contributions to the LGBTQ+ rights movement and in recognition of a new installation at the New York Historical Society—Edith Windsor: Champion

of Marriage Equality. This past September, the New York Historical Society held a ceremonial groundbreaking for the American LGBTQ+ Museum, New York's first museum dedicated to LGBTQ+ history and culture, which is set to open in 2024. This new installation honoring Ms. Windsor was made possible through the contribution of artifacts from her archive by her widow, Judith Kasen-Windsor.

Edie Windsor first became involved in the fight for equality after the 1969 Stonewall Riots and quickly emerged as a leader. Her historic challenge to the unconstitutional Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) compelled the federal government to recognize valid marriages between same sex couples and paved the way for marriage equality in the United States.

Ms. Windsor grew up during the Great Depression, the youngest of three children in a Russian Jewish immigrant family. She received her undergraduate degree from Temple University and a master's degree in mathematics from New York University. The following year she began to work at IBM and was steadily promoted to the top technical position during her 16 years at the company.

In 1963, Edie Windsor met her first wife, Thea Spyer. Two years later the couple began dating. They became engaged in 1967 despite the lack of legal recognition of same sex couples anywhere in the United States. After the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion, Ms. Windsor and Ms. Spyer became more involved in sup-

porting and advocating for rights for the City's LGBTQ+ community. Ms. Windsor volunteered with the LGBTQ+ Community Center, the East End Gay Organization, Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, and the 1994 Gay Games in New York. She also served on the board of Services & Advocacy for the LGBT GLBT Elders (SAGE) and help found Old Queers Acting Up, a social justice skit comedy and improvisation group.

In 2009, Thea Spyer passed away, leaving the entirety of her estate to her wife, Edie. Due to DOMA, Edie Windsor was prohibited from claiming the estate tax exemption for surviving spouses and was faced with a nearly half million-dollar tax liability. In 2010, Ms. Windsor sued the federal government for a full tax refund in a series of court cases that made it all the way to the Supreme Court in 2013. In 2013, Edie Windsor's suit was upheld by the Supreme Court ruling finding DOMA unconstitutional. This validation of her decades long partnership with Ms. Spyer was not only a vindication for Ms. Windsor but for countless LGBTQ+ couples around the Nation. Two years later, the Supreme Court made marriage a constitutional right guaranteed to all Americans. In 2016, Ms. Windsor found love again, marrying Judith Kasen-Windsor. Ms. Windsor's passing in the fall of 2017 marked the end of a truly heroic life spent championing equality.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary gumption and the incomparable advocacy of Ms. Wind-

sor on behalf of the entire LGBTQ+ community throughout her long and accomplished life.

HONORING BRYCE DAVIS

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Bryce Davis, upon his acceptance to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

As a future cadet, he will be joining the ranks of the world's most fearsome fighting force—the United States Army—guided by duty, honor, and country.

The service and sacrifice of America's military personnel have safeguarded our Nation since its inception, defending our way of life from Lexington to Normandy.

And throughout our history, American soldiers have demonstrated tremendous courage and strength, beating back tyranny to the ends of the earth.

I was glad to sponsor Bryce's nomination and I am confident that his talents will distinguish him among his peers both during his time at West Point and thereafter.

I congratulate Bryce, and know that he will make this Nation proud.